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Windham Man Sentenced on Federal Firearm Charges

Portland, Maine: United States Attorney Paula D. Silsby announced today that a federal judge sitting in Portland sentenced **Adam J. DeCicco**, 27, of Windham, Maine, to 26 months in prison to be followed by 3 years supervised release for making false statements in connection with his acquisition of firearms. **DeCicco** had pleaded guilty to three counts of making such false statements on February 1, 2007.

According to court documents, on three occasions in February 2006 **DeCicco** purchased a total of six firearms from a licensed firearms dealer. On each occasion, **DeCicco** completed a Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Firearms Transaction Record form required to be kept in the firearms dealer's records. Each time, **DeCicco** answered "yes" to the question of whether he was the actual buyer of the firearms listed on the form. In truth and in fact, **DeCicco** was not the actual buyer, and was acting as a "straw purchaser" on behalf of another individual. **DeCicco** knew that he was not the actual buyer of the firearms when he completed the forms.

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This case is part of Maine's Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative, which is designed to reduce gun violence. United States Attorney Silsby said that the investigation leading to the conviction was conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

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